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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the enclosed Official Letter dated November 9, 2001, which issued in the corresponding European application.

The Official Letter cites WO 94 1879 and EP 0 866 502, both of which were cited previously in the Information Disclosure Statement dated July 11, 2000.

Accordingly, no Form PTO-1449 accompanies this Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and

to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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